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PER ANNUM.

BANKS.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$7,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

ST. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq. — Chairman.
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Chief Manager.

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London BANKERS — LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG — INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of a per Cent.

per Annun on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 per Cent. per Annun.
For 6 months, 3 per Cent. per Annun.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annun.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1897. [8]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 per Cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per Cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1897. [9]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE — LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-HOLDERS \$800,000
RESERVE FUND \$375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per Annun on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " 6 " 38 "

" " 2 " 21 "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897. [10]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE — HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. GÜLLER, Esq. Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

J. T. Lautz, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager,

GEO. MUNRO.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per Cent. per Annun.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1897. [11]

INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above Company are prepared to accept First Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS, at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1897. [12]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO \$853,333.33

RESERVE FUND \$317,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUK MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER — HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1897. [13]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSUNG FAT,

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1897. [14]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL WATER is the cause of much sickness on board Ships.

We are the only Water-Boat Company in Hongkong exclusively Supplying FILTERED WATER.

Call Ring "W."

J. W. LEW & CO.

STRAND MARKET, 10, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [15]

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE! hereby give that the TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held at its Head Office, No. 4 the Praya, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 12th October, 1897, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with statements of accounts for the year 1896 and for the half year ending the 30th June, 1897, and of declaring Dividends. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1897. [16]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the Undersigned at 3 o'clock P.M., on MONDAY, the 18th October.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 4th to the 18th October, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO.,

General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1897. [16]

NOTICE.

I, the Undersigned former Proprietor of J. THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM hereby give notice that the business of THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM has now been SOLD and that all CLAIMS whatsoever against the said THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM up to the 30th September last must be sent to me at the said THOMAS'S GRILL ROOM on or before the 30th October next.

No CLAIMS will be received after that date.

NG PAK TO.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [16]

TRADE MARK.

TRADE MARK.

Hong Name: —

YUEN WO.

TELEPHONE, No. 135.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having any CLAIMS against the estate of the late LIEUT. W. RAMAGE DAWSON, R.A., or owing any money to that estate are requested to communicate with MAJOR HANHAM, R.A., at Rosehill, Caine Road, on or before 1st November, 1897, after which date no claim can be considered.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1897. [16]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

OWING TO PRESSURE OF BUSINESS

PROFESSOR WINTER

WILL REMAIN HERE TILL THE 15TH OCTOBER.

GREATEST BLESSING OF LIFE.

PROFESSOR H. WINTER,

THE GREAT AMERICAN-INDIAN EXPERT,

Warras to Cure Hard and Soft Cancers, Bubonias,

Chilblains, Ingrowing Nails and Warts,

Guarantees to take them out without pain or drawing blood, and further guarantees to perform a perfect cure.

Has Arrived to HONG KONG, and will remain here until October 1st, at the

HONGKONG HOTEL,

ROOMS No. 83, 84, and at his OFFICE No. 29,

Queen's Road Central, under the

HONGKONG HOTEL.

OFFICE HOURS from 8 A.M. to 6 P.M.

CONSULTATION FREE of CHARGE.

Those who wish MR. WINTER to visit them will please send their address, and he will call on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS between 2 and 5 P.M.

CHARGES MODERATE.

The Professor, speaks English, German,

French, Spanish and Portuguese.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1897. [16]

TRY THE

CHIROPRACTIC

DOCTOR

DR. H. WINTER,

At the office of the Hongkong Telegraph you can see, and procure for SIX DOLLARS, a Copy of the Webster's Dictionary, the latest and most emphatic proof that *Labor omnia vincit*.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1897. [16]

THE LEADING CATERERS.

COMPARE OUR

MENU, BILLIARD TABLES and

LIQUORS to all others.

THE GRILL ROOM.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1897. [16]

CARBOLINEUM & AVENARIUS

USED FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

WITH THE Utmost Success.

Sole Agents for China.

LUTGENS, EINSTMANN & CO.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1897. [16]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

ENQUIRE where your FRESH WATER is obtained by the Water Boats; as FOUL

WATER is the cause of much sickness on board Ships.

We are the only Water-Boat Company in Hongkong exclusively Supplying FILTERED

WATER.

Call Ring "W."

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897.

Co. NAP'S Advertisement.

BOXING TOURNAMENT AT THE CITY HALL TONIGHT, (SATURDAY) the 3rd October, 1897.

THE FIRST AMATEUR BOXING and
WRESTLING ever PUT before the
PUBLIC in Hongkong.

CUSACK v. NORTHCOTT met again for a final contest of 25 rounds for Handsome Trophy.

GRAND WRESTLING CONTEST BETWEEN CAINS v. LEVER

West Yorks. West Yorks.
catch-a-catch-can; R+L two out of three Back
falls for Handsome Trophy.

Stage seats will be numbered this time and
kept for those that reserve them.

Seats may be booked at ROBINSON'S Music
Warehouse.

Prices of Admission: - \$1, \$2, \$3.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price
A String Band will be in attendance.

Doors open at 8.30. Commence at 8.45.

HARPER,
Stage Hotel,
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1897.

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PUBLIC AUCTION. SALE OF VALUABLE ESTATE PROPERTY IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

MESSRS. HUGHES & HOUGH have
received instructions from Mr. BRUCE
SHEPHERD the Trustee,
to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON

WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of October, 1897,
at 1 P.M.
ON THE PREMISES
No. 355 and 357 Queen's Road Central,
Victoria, Hongkong.

IN ONE LOT.
All those PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND
registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOTS
No. 543 and 542 with the mesuages or ten-
ments thereto known as Nos. 355 and 357,
Queen's Road Central (abutting on the Western
Market).

The properties are held under Leases direct
from the Crown for the respective terms of 999
years each from the 16th November, 1897, under
the usual terms and conditions contained in the
Crown Leases of this colony.

The annual "rown Rent of Inland Lot 543 is
£1 2s. 9d. (£8.10), and of Inland Lot 542,
£2 12s. 7d. (£7.8).

The whole of the premises are let in one let-
ting to a monthly tenant at \$120 per month
(the landlord paying the outgoings), but as the
houses contain only two stories and a basement
the rent might be considerably increased if the
houses be rebuilt to the height of the adjoining
premises.

For further Particulars and conditions of Sale,
apply to

H. L. DENNYS,
Solicitor for the Vendor,
64, Queen's Road Central,
or to

HUGHES & HOUGH,
1480, 1481.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship
"LIGHTNING"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo-impeding the discharge or remaining
on board after 4 P.M. of the 6th instant, will
be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into
the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Wanchai.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside;
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents,
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1897.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"

Captain J. S. Reach, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 3rd October, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, and October, 1897.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on TUESDAY, the 5th instant,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, and October, 1897.

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FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"LIV."

T. Hansen, Master, will be despatched for the
above port on or about the 12th October.

To be followed by the

S.S. "ST. NINIAN," on or about 31st Oct.

S.S. "FALDON HALL," on or about 1st Nov.

S.S. "YARROWDALE" on or about 10th Nov.

S.S. "FERNFIELD" on or about 15th Dec.

For Freight, apply to

SHIWWAN, TOME & CO.,
Agents,

Hongkong, and October, 1897.

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Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES & SPIRITS.

WE beg to call attention to our PRICE
LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS as
below:

As these are all selected and bought first
hand by our London House we save any intermediate
profits and are thereby enabled to supply the best qualities at Moderate Prices.

PORT.

(For Invalids and General Use).

Per Dozen
Case
Per Dozen

B VINTAGE, superior quality, Red
Capulet.....\$14.40 \$1.20

C FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior
quality, Black Seal Capulet.....16.20 1.35

D VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE,
extra superior, Violet Capulet
(Old Bottled).....20.40 1.70

SHERRY.

Per Dozen
Case
Per Dozen

B SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner
wine, Green Seal Capulet.....\$10.80 \$0.90

C MANGANILLA, PALE
NATURAL SHERRY, White
Capulet.....12.00 1.00

CC SUPERIOR OLD DRY, PALE
NATURAL SHERRY, Red
Seal Capulet.....15.00 1.00

D VERY SUPERIOR OLD DRY
PALE, choice old wine,
White Seal Capulet.....\$4.40 1.20

E EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD PALE
DRY, very finest quality,
Black Seal Capulet (Old
Bottled).....20.40 1.70

F C. and C. are excellent dinner Wines or
for invalids and delicate stomachs and E are
after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage.
All are true Xeres Wines.

CHLARET.

Per Dozen
Case
Per Dozen

B St. ESTEPHE, Red
Capulet.....\$6.65 \$7.50 \$0.60 0.35

C St. JULIEN, Red
Capulet.....9.00 9.60 0.75 0.40

D LA ROSÉ, Red
Capulet.....12.60 13.92 1.10 0.60

SAT-TE FOY.....7.20 7.92 0.60 0.35

CUSSAC.....9.00 10.44 0.80 0.45

CHATEAU D'AN-
GLADE.....13.20 14.40 1.10 0.60

CHATEAU FAUT-
BRION LAR-
RIVET.....18.60 19.20 1.60 0.80

CHATEAU MOU-
TON D'ARMAIL-
HACO.....31.00 32.20 1.80 0.90

B C. and C. are excellent dinner Wines or
for invalids and delicate stomachs and E are
after-dinner Wines of a very superior vintage.
All are true Xeres Wines.

BRANDY.

Per Dozen
Case
Per Dozen

A HENNESSY'S OLD
PALE, Red & Gold
COGNAC, Red Cap-
sule.....21.00 1.75

**** C VERY OLD LIQUEUR
COGNAC.....24.00 2.00

V.O. D HENNESSY'S FINEST
VERY OLD LIQUEUR
COGNAC, 1872 Vin-
tage, Red Capulet.....36.00 3.00

V.V.O. E FINEST VERY OLD
L LIQUEUR COGNAC,
1862 Vintage.....48.00 4.00

All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure
Cognac, the difference in price being merely a
question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.

Per Case
1 doz. 1/2 Doz.

A THORNE'S BLEND, White Cap-
sule.....\$10.80 \$0.90

B WAT O'S GLENORCHY MEL-
LOW BLEND, Blue Capsule,
with Name and Trade Mark.....10.80 0.90

C WATSON'S ALEXOUR-GLEN-
LIVAT, Red Capulet, with
Name and Trade Mark.....12.00 1.00

D WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF
THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT
WHISKIES, Violet Capulet.....14.40 1.20

E WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR
SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Cap-
sule.....15.00 1.25

DANIEL CRAWFORD'S FINEST
VERY OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.....14.40 1.20

Our lowest priced Whisky is of excellent quality
and of greater age than most brands in the market.
We recommend our customers not to be
detected by the lowness of price from trying
all. For a soda whisky, Thorne's Blend
and Watson's Glenorchy are equal to any.
Abelson-Glenlivet is a very old Peat Whisky
(smoky) that could not be replaced in stock at
the price. D and E are too well known to need
comment.

SCOTCH.

Per Case
1 doz. 1/2 Doz.

A JOHN JAMESON'S OLD, White Cap-
sule.....\$10.80 \$0.90

B JOHN JAMESON'S GLENORCHY
MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule,
with Name and Trade Mark.....10.80 0.90

C JOHN JAMESON'S VERY FINE
OLD, Green Capulet.....18.00 \$1.50

All these are very fine and old. C has been
stocked in Hongkong for over 20 years,
there being little sale for Irish Whisky in the
Colony.

Per Case
1 doz. 1/2 Doz.

A IRISH—
GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY,
Five Old, Red Capsule, with
our Name and Trade Mark.....\$15.00 1.25

GIN,

Per Case
1 doz. 1/2 Doz.

A FINE OLD TOM, White
Capulet.....\$7.20 \$0.60

B FINE UNAWAREKED, White
Capulet.....7.20 0.60

RUM,

FINEST OLD JAMAICA, Violet
Capulet.....\$15.00 \$1.25

GOOD LEeward ISLAND.....6.00 0.50

GOOD LEeward ISLAND.....\$2.50 per Gal.

LIQUEURS.

BENEDICTINE, BLACKBERRY BRANDY,
CURACAO, MARACHINO, HERRING'S CHERRY
CREME DE CACAO, CORDIAL.

FEPPERMINT, DR. SINGER'S ANGOSTURA BITTERS.

AND
AERATED
WATERS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1897.

BIRTH.

At Chinkiang, on the 16th of September, 1897,
the wife of the Rev. J. WALLACE WILSON, of the
London Missionary Society, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 2nd October, 1897, at the Church of
S. Philip and James, Oxford, by the Rev. W.
W. Jackson, M.A., Fellow of Exeter College,
Oxford, assisted by the Rev. A. O. James, B.A.,
Lincoln College, Oxford, JOHN WORRELL CAR-
INGTON, B.A., Lincoln College, Oxford, and

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1897.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club was held in the City Hall at 2.30 p.m. today. The Hon. C. P. Chater presided and there were also present—Messrs. D. G. Gillies, Hon. T. Bell-Irving, C. F. Harton, M. Grote, Hon. T. Whitehead, R. M. Gray, Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman, Messrs. J. J. Francis, O. C., F. Maitland, Hart Beck, G. H. Potts, R. McG. Forbes, C. C. Platt, Cox, H. Humphreys, J. Bartram, W. Farmer, Lundas, Madar, T. F. Hough (Clerk of the Course) and a few others.

The following was the report submitted to the meeting:—“In submitting the Honorary Treasurer's accounts, the Stewards consider them satisfactory although not quite so good as the previous year. The permanent brick stables and private stables were available for 1897 meeting, and proved a great convenience. Gymkhana, as in recent years, have been held on the Race Course under the auspices of the Jockey Club. The Race Course, compound and stands were lent for the Review and Celebrations at the Happy Valley on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee and for the Gymkhana subsequently held in this connection. The Course is in good order. T. F. Hough, Clerk of the Course.”

The Chairman, after Mr. Hough had read the report, said the report and statement of accounts was satisfactory. They had received \$1000 in entries and nominations and the interest was in excess of \$900 over last year. The rents from stands &c. amounted to \$125, to be applied to the increased interest. The payments made on the new buildings now amounted to \$21,571.72 and with the amount expended last year reached \$36,628.62. Reference was made to the success of the Gymkhana and the Chairman said it was for the meeting to decide whether they should be carried on as usual next year. He proposed the adoption of the report, which was seconded by Mr. Sweete and carried.

Mr. Hough then read the Gymkhana Committee's report.

Mr. Hart Beck proposed that next year's Gymkhana be under the same system as this year.

Mr. G. H. Potts seconded and the motion was carried.

The Chairman, speaking of the election of stewards, spoke in warm terms of the services Lt.-Col. The O'Gorman rendered to the Committee and said the rules had been last year to admit of naval and military officers being steward.

The ballot of stewards resulted as follows:—

Hons. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., J. J. Bell-Irving, F. H. May, C.M.G., T. H. Whitehead, Lieut.-Col. The O'Gorman, Messrs. R. M. Gray, C. F. Harton, T. Jackson, M. Grote, D. Gillies.

This concluded the business.

THE MACAO FESTIVITIES.

MACAO, 1st October, 1897.

The 28th of September, being the birthday anniversary of the King and Queen of Portugal, it was kept as a gala day by the loyal inhabitants of this colony. Early in the morning, at noon and at sunset the customary salutes were fired. A levee was held at the Government House to which all the Officials, Officers of the Army and Navy and a large number of civilians attended. A Te Deum was sung at the Cathedral at 3.30. In the evening there was a reception at the Government House. Notwithstanding the trying weather dancing was kept up till the wee small hours of the morn.

The Praça looked pretty and attractive with its lanterns judiciously and artistically hung along the entire distance from the Post Office to the Government House.

During the night there was a fatal accident. A Chinese boy of about twelve years of age, slept on the Praça wall; but on awaking he put his foot on the wrong side, with the result that he was precipitated into the harbour and was drowned; the boy being recovered next morning. The Santa Casa de Misericórdia has successfully disposed of the right to sell lottery tickets to a Chinese syndicate. In the beginning it is to be made up of three thousand tickets at \$3. Besides the first prize of \$3,000 there will be other prizes.

There was a small fire at Barra on the night of the 1st inst. Had it not been for the prompt assistance rendered more damage would have been the result, as it was rather windy. Only one Chinese house was burnt the neighbouring houses escaping by a miracle.

Business continues to be depressed.

The tea season does not bid fair to be of anything very hopeful. This season the price of the leaves are dearer and of the same standard.

THE WRECK OF THE "ALETTE."

Statements made by some of the survivors of the ill-fated Norwegian bark *Alette* probably faintly indicate the awful time they must have experienced on board. It appears, says the *Advertiser*, that all the sails had been carried away with the exception of the lower foretopsail when the vessel struck the rocks at about 5.30 a.m. on Thursday morning last. The ship began to break up at once, and all on board were speedily swept from the deck.

Exactly how they got ashore no one seems to know. When they were carried off by the seas they were all fully dressed and when they came ashore all were attired in nothing but a collection of the most sorry rags. All were badly battered about, and one man, a sailor named Linstrom, is now in Hospital suffering from a terrible gash on the back of his head. The others have all practically recovered and are able to get about, and, having been rigged out with clothing, etc., by some kindly disposed local residents, are able to present quite a good appearance.

The names of the saved are—Captain P. Lorenzen; G. Tellefson, second mate; P. Johnsen, steward; A. Berg, sealmates, and P. Hermansen, and C. Linstrom, seaman. The last named still in hospital. Mr. de Reuss, Norwegian Consul, went yesterday to Toido to consult with the Minister as to the steps to be taken, and he understood that the six survivors are to be sent to their homes in Europe on or about Saturday next. A subscription has been circulated with the object of sending them in their time of distress, and we are sure will be well responded to. Most, if not all, are married men and several have families. On Sunday last the bodies of three more of the ill-fated crew were discovered among the timbers of the wreck and were buried at Toido.

Mr. Morris, Lydon and Pratt's auctioneer, was crowded says the *Japan Mail*, on the occasion of the sale of the wreck and cargo of the bark *Alette*. The cargo, consisted of some 500,000 cwt. of Oregon pine, in the log, and, as it may be found along the shore, was first put up for £1,000 a ton. The bidding began at \$1,000 and rose by hundreds and dollars, the latter figure being the minimum bid allowed. There appeared to be several Japanese syndicates among the possible buyers, as well as a number of foreigners. By the time the bidding had reached \$7,000, nearly all the Japanese had dropped off, but from that figure it was carried on by the foreign buyers up to \$11,000, at which price it was knocked down to Capt. Weston. The second lot, consisting of what is left of the ship herself and her apparel, was knocked down to Japanese for \$1,400.

THE LAST DAYS OF HONGKONG.

DEDICATED TO MR. BEN TROVATO.

This is a wonderful yarn of the end of British domination; it is tragic tale; it's will curdle your blood! Common or garden prose is unworthy such an occasion; that wouldn't fill the bill; poetry touches the spot!

So, let the pump of genius flow with a fanciful pumping.

Into the grooves of verse, chopped up in regular lengths,

Let the slow and stately rhythm of ponderous spondees;

Shove it in a dactyl too, once in a way, when you must.

When the hexameters and the pentameters wove's come in nicely,

Call it dramatic fire! Call it an Epic Poem!

That's the appropriate way to write up the dismal disasters.

Threatening fate Hongkong, when we engage in a war,

This, then, is how I propose to tell of the mournful miseries—

Atatatales! tos! tos! tos! tos! tos! tos! tos!

Which, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and something,

Simply disgruntled Hongkong, knocking it all of heap;

First, I must tell you that this is supposed to be written next century,

Say, about 1907; make the month or the day,

Also, it didn't occur in the way that the *China Mail* puts it;

It wasn't the Russians at all; only the death'n Chinos.

Some little trouble arose with the meek Mongolian coolie—

Nobody knew what it was; wouldn't have cared if they did.

Anyhow, first thing they knew, Hongkong was short of provisions.

Nothing come down from Canton; nothing from anywhere else.

Two or three days were enough to exhaust the supplies in the godowns—

Mostly American flour, timed-truck of various kinds,

Not really very much rice, and a lot of Canadian cheeze,

Game from the north, on ice, trying its best to walk off;

And all sorts of odds and ends, but nothing among so many.

Only the drinks didn't fall; we always had plenty of beer.

You see, for most that ate we had to depend upon China,

Beef and potatoes and things; never got much from abroad.

But, for the beef, and the ice, and the comforting whisky and soda,

Sherry and bitters, and gin, cocktails and everything else—

For, everything drinkable, even the water (which some people do drink).

We hadn't to ask the Chinese; only for most of the grub.

So it fell out, in a week, we had got to the end of our tether;

Telegrams flashed to Shanghai, and the rest of the ports on the coast.

These couldn't spare very much, at least on the spur of the moment,

Wanted a week or two's time; "after that, any amount."

That was exactly the cause of the terrible fate that befell us;

That was the smug we struck; that was the way we collapsed.

Everyone knows what it means to take drunks on an empty stomach—

Red and blue rage, and snakes, and violent fits of the "jitters."

Soon we had nothing to eat but sardines and marguia biscuits,

And the sugar at Quarry Bay, though that didn't go very well—

It was still in the "gunny-bag" state, and not much of that name, whatever—

So, being hungry as wolves, it very soon drove us to drink.

Then the Asyrian came down like a wolf on the fold," as the *Mail* says;

That was the critical time; then was the north colony corped.

Not from the south, nor the east, nor the north;

Not from the port of Salgon, not out of Vladivostok,

But from the Canton river, from all the piratical dens,

From every meandering creek, every paddy-field swamp,

Boats swarmed out from the riverine labyrinth into the sunlight;

Peeling through Cap-sul-men, spreading all over the sea,

From every mouth of the mighty river, for miles to the westward;

All the way past Kung-chow, far as the eye could reach;

Dotting the bright blue water with black and brown and yellow,

Centring on Hongkong, sure of an easy prey.

Junks by the thousand, boats of sampans, and little black sea-boats,

Pig-boats and Ao-sam-sam, lumbering heavy-boats too;

Wreck-hut bottoms of steamers, and white West River stern-wheelers,

Also the I. M. C. dollia d'espagnole—

Was too many for us to count, much less to repeat!

All our fleet was away, summering up in Japan.

Bravely Sir William the Great called out in thundering accents—

"H.M.S. *Tamer shay!* Tama now the wild Centaure!"

Alas! for the good ship *Alette*, no more could the rest of our vessels do.

The *Weser* herself wouldn't wivv; the *Kao On* only came off.

The *Miner* went to the Miners, went down them, and jolly well stayed there,

And a Cosmopolitan launch boat by mistake to Hangchow!

None of us here on the island had had a square meal for a fortnight;

While we had plenty to drink; maybe a little beyond.

Bottles we had by the shipload, emptied on distressed stomachs.

If we'd had something to eat, two or three pugs wouldn't hurt,

But as it was just we were all of us more or less so-so—

Some of us certainly "more;" couldn't hold on the ground.

Those who were not blind-speechless tried to make use of a Maxim.

Almost at a lumbering jank; found we'd forgotten to load.

Then when we brought ammonium, someone had stolen the touch-hole.

Moreover, the gun was twice, both of them will-a-wile.

If you put out your hand and grabbed at the blanket lever,

You found it was nothing. But air it really did!

Onwards it dredged out of our reach, or reluctantly sprung up and hit you.

However, in spite of it all, where there's a will there's a way,

At last we got the gun ready, and trained it upon the invader.

But the jack was twine as well; anyhow, I thought it was.

Though some of the other men didn't, and said I was seeing double.

We fired exactly twice; a fish and a bang—and a blank.

Goodness knows what had happened, but I saw ten million twinkles,

All the stars of heaven, lots from the opposite piece.

Meridional and Evening Stars, Double Stars, Rising and Setting.

Comes like the *Wing On*, we're like the *Ham-fai*.

Then consciousness vanished from me, and I know no more.

MABOK.

Soncutter's Island, 1st April, 1907.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges were "crowded out" of last night's issue:—

VICTORIA (B.C.), August 25th.

Prince Louis of Savoy and his party of Italian mountaineers are now on their way back to Italy, proud in the knowledge that they accomplished thefeat of scaling Mount St. Elias, the lofty peak which stands on the Canadian boundary in South-eastern Alaska. While there is no reference in the report to any proposed claim for damages, it is a compilation of evidence upon which Spain will base its claim when it is made, and on which she will attempt to substantiate her case.

In the list of filibustering expeditions which have been sent to the United States for Cuba, and contends that the doctrine precludes the United States from interfering in Spanish affairs in Cuba. While there is no reference in the report to any proposed claim for damages, it is a compilation of evidence upon which Spain will base its claim when it is made, and on which she will attempt to substantiate her case.

The *Herald* of Washington says:—

Spain is laying the groundwork for the presentation of

